# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TRIBAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1683
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GOUD TRIBE OF BIHAR
PRABHUNATH SINGH

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the aboriginal Goud Tribe of Bihar has been excluded from the list ofreserved categories by the State Government for the last few years whereas they were earlier getting reservation;

(b) if so, the steps contemplated to be taken by the Government to reinclude the Goud Tribe in the reservation list; and

(c) the time by which this tribe is likely to be reincluded in the reservation list?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) The Goud Tribe was not specified in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Bihar. Assuch its exclusion from the list of Scheduled Tribes does not arise.

(b) & (c) A proposal to include Gour and Gonr (not Goud) Tribes as synonyms toGond tribe, which has been notified in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Bihar, has been processed as per the modalities approved by the Government for deciding such claims. No specific time schedule can be indicated at this stage as the matter involves consultations with the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.